

Dkt. 53437-A-PCT-US/JPW/SHS

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants : Philip Livingston et. al.

U.S. Serial No.: 09/534,711 Examiner: Bansal

Filed : March 24, 2000 Art Unit: 1642

For : SOLUBLE POLYPEPTIDE HAVING A DELTA-SERRATE-

LAG2 DOMAIN OF DELTA HOMOLOGUE AND USES

THEREOF

1185 Avenue of the Americas New York, New York 10036

January 22, 2002

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

SIR:

AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO JULY 19, 2001 OFFICE ACTION, INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT AND PETITION FOR A THREE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

This Amendment is submitted in response to a July 19, 2001 Office Action issued by the United States Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above-identified application. A response to the July 19, 2001 Office Action was originally due October 19, 2001. Applicants hereby petition for a three-month extension of time. Applicants have previously established small entity status. The required fee for a three month extension of time for a small entity is \$460.00 and a check in this amount is enclosed. Therefore, a response to the July 19, 2001 Office Action was due January 19, 2002. However, since January 19, 2002 falls on a Saturday, a response filed on the next succeeding day which is not a Saturday, Sunday or Federal holiday, i.e. Tuesday, January 22, 2002, is considered timely under 37 C.F.R. §1.7. Accordingly, this Amendment is being timely filed.

02/01/2002 RKARIS1 00000065 09534711

01 FC:217 02 FC:126 460.00 OP 180.00 OP